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(a) a metal containing stabilizer of formula I

 $R_nSn(S)_v(SR')_x$

,(SR')_x /(

in which,

R represents an alkyl group

SR' represents a mercaptide/ligand

n = 1 or 2

x = greater than 0 to 3, and

x+2y = 4-n; and

(b) a mercapto alkanol ester of a carboxylic acid providing a source of mercaptan exceeding that required to saturate the Sn component of said metal containing stabilizer,

wherein said metal containing stabilizer and said mercapto alkanol ester are present in an amount effective/to stabilize a vinyl halide resin against heat and/or light.

325. The composition of claim 324, wherein said mercaptide ligand is a derivative of a carboxylic acid, a polycarboxylic acid, a mercaptoacid, a mercaptoacid, a mercaptoacid, a mercaptoacid ester, or a mercaptoalcohol ester.

326. The composition of claim 325, wherein said mercaptide ligand is an ester of mercaptocarboxylic acid, a 2-mercaptoalkanol ester of a carboxylic acid, a 2-mercaptoalkanol, an alkyl thiol, or an aromatic thiol.

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327. The composition of claim 324, wherein the mercapto alkanol ester of a carboxytic acid has the formula:

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where R is a linear or branched alkyl or alkenyl, aryl or aralkyl; and R' represents a C_2 to C_{18} alkylene.

328. The composition of claim 3/27, where R contains 6 to 38 carbon atoms.

329. The composition of claim 327, where R contains 8 to 18 carbon atoms.

330. The composition of claim 327, wherein R contains 1 to 8 carbon atoms.

331. The composition/of claim 327, where the carboxylic acid is at least one chosen from caprylic, pelargoric, capric, undecanoic, lauric, myristic, palmitic, stearic, isostearic, 2-ethylhexanoic, neodecanoic, oleic, linoleic, and mixtures thereof.

332. The composition of claim 327, wherein the mercapto alkanol ester of a carboxylic acid is at least one chosen from mercapto ethyl stearate, 3-thio-glyceryl myristate, mercapto ethyl palmitate, mercaptoethyl oleate, and mercapto ethyl myristate.

333. The composition of claim 327, wherein the mercapto alkanol ester of a carboxylic acid is present in the range of 0.01 % wt. to 5 % wt.

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334. The composition of claim 327, wherein the mercapt alkanol ester of a carboxylic acid is present in the range of 0.1 % wt. to 1.0 % wt. of the vinyl halide resin.

335. The composition of claim 324, wherein the vinyl halide resin is polyvinyl chloride.

336. A composition comprising:

(a) a metal containing stabilizer of formula II

 $R_nSn(SR')_x$

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in which,

R represents an alkyl group

SR' represents a mercaptide

n = 1 or 2, and

x = 4-n; and

(b) a mercapto alkanol ester of a carboxylic acid providing a source of mercaptan exceeding that required to saturate the Sn component of said metal containing stabilizer,

wherein said metal containing stabilizer and said mercapto alkanol ester are present in an amount effective to stabilize a vinyl halide resin against heat and/or light.

337. The composition of claim 336, wherein said mercaptide ligand is a derivative of a carboxylic acid, a polycarboxylic acid, a mercapton, a mercaptonid, a mercaptonid, a mercaptonid ester, or a mercaptonicohol ester.

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338. The composition of claim 337, wherein said mercaptide ligand is an ester of mercaptocarboxylic acid, a 2-mercaptoalkanol ester of a carboxylic acid, a 2-mercaptoalkanol, an alkyl thiol, or an aromatic thiol.

339. The composition of claim 336, wherein the mercapto alkanol ester of a carboxylic acid has the formula:

RCOOR'SH

where R is a linear or branched alkyl or alkenyl, aryl or aralkyl; and R' represents a C_2 to C_{18} alkylene.

- 340. The composition of claim 339/where R contains 6 to 38 carbon atoms.
- 341. The composition of claim 3\$9, where R contains 8 to 18 carbon atoms.
- 342. The composition of claim/339, wherein R contains 1 to 8 carbon atoms.
- 343. The composition of claim 339, where the carboxylic acid is at least one chosen from caprylic, pelargonic, capric, undecanoic, lauric, myristic, palmitic, stearic, isostearic, 2-ethylhexanoic neodecanoic, oleic, linoleic, and mixtures thereof.
- 344. The composition of claim 339, wherein the mercapto alkanol ester of a monocarboxyllc acid is at least one chosen from mercapto ethyl stearate, 3-thio-glyceryl myristate, mercapto ethyl palmitate, mercaptoethyl oleate, and mercapto ethyl myristate

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345. The composition of claim 339, wherein the mercapto/alkanol ester of a monocarboxylic acid is present in the range of 0.01 % wt/ to 5 % wt. of the vinyl halide resin.

- 346. The composition of claim 339, wherein the rhercapto alkanol ester of a carboxylic acid is present in the range of 0.1 % wt. to 1.0 % wt. of the vinyl halide resin.
- 347. The composition of claim 336, wherein the vinyl halide resin is polyvinyl chloride.
- 348. The composition comprising:
- (a) a mono- or dialkyltin bis (thercapto alkanol ester of a carboxyllc acid) compound wherein the alkyl is a C_1 to C_8 alkyl; and
- (b) a mercapto alkanol exter of a carboxylic acld providing a source of mercaptan exceeding that required to saturate the Sn component of said metal containing stabilizer,

wherein said (a) and (b) components are present in an amount effective to stabilize a vinyl halide resin against heat and/or light.

- 349. A method of stabilizing a vinyl halide resin comprising the steps of:
 adding to the vinyl halide resin, in an amount effective to stabilize the vinyl halide
 resin against heat and/or light,
 - (a) a metal containing stabilizer corresponding to formula I

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(b) a mercapto alkanol ester of a carboxylic acid providing a source of mercaptan exceeding that required to saturate the Sn component of said metal containing stabilizer.

350. The method of claim 349, wherein said mercaptide ligand is a derivative of a carboxylic acid, a polycarboxylic acid, a mercaptoacid, a mercaptoacid, a mercaptoacid, a mercaptoacid ester, or a mercaptoalcohol ester.

351. The method of claim 349, wherein said mercaptide ligand is an ester of mercaptocarboxylic acid, a 2-mercaptoalkanol ester of a carboxylic acid, a 2-mercaptoalkanol, an alkyl thiol, or an aromatic thiol.

352. The method of claim 349, wherein the mercapto alkanol ester of a carboxylic acid has the formula:

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where R is a lin ar or branched alkyl or alkenyl, aryl or aralkyl; and

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R' represents a C2 to C18 alkylene.

353. The method of claim 349, where the carboxylic acid is at least one chosen from caprylic, pelargonic, capric, undecanoic, lauric, myristic, palmitic, stearic, isostearic, 2-ethylhexanoic, neodecanoic, oleic, linoleic, and mixtures thereof.

354. The method of claim 349, wherein the mercapto alkanol ester of a carboxylic acid is at least one chosen from mercapto ethyl stearate, 3-thio-glyceryl myristate, mercapto ethyl palmitate, mercaptoethyl oleate, and mercapto ethyl myristate.

355. The method of claim 349, wherein the mercapto alkanol ester of a carboxylic acid is present in the range of 0.01 % wt. to 5.0 % wt.

356. The method of claim 349, wherein the mercapto alkanol ester of a carboxylic acid is present in the range of 0.1 % wt. to 1.0 % wt. of the vinyl halide resin.

357. The method of claim 349, wherein the vinyl halide resin is polyvinyl chloride.

358. A method of stabilizing a vinyl halide resin comprising the steps of:

adding to the vinyl halide resin, in an amount effective to stabilize the vinyl halide
resin against heat and/or light,

(a) a metal containing stabilizer of formula II

 $R_nSn(SR')_x$

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n = 1 or 2, and

x = 4-n; and

(b) a mercapto alkanol ester of a carboxylic acid providing a source of mercaptan exceeding that required to saturate the Sn component of said metal containing stabilizer.

359. The method of claim 358, wherein sald mercaptide ligand is a derivative of a carboxylic acid, a polycarboxylic acid, a mercaptan, a mercaptoacid, a mercaptoalcohol, a mercaptoacid ester, or a mercaptoalcohol ester.

360. The method of claim 358, wherein said mercaptide ligand is an ester of mercaptocarboxylic acid, a 2-mercaptoalkanol ester of a carboxylic acid, a 2-mercaptoalkanol, an alkyl thiol, or an aromatic thiol.

361. The method of claim 358, wherein the mercapto alkanol ester of a monocarboxylic acid has the formula:

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where R is a linear of branched alkyl or alkenyl, aryl or aralkyl; and R' represents a C_2 to C_{18} alkylene.

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362. The method of claim 358, where the carboxylic acid is at least on chosen from caprylic, pelargonic, capric, undecanoic, lauric, myristic, palmitic, stearic, isostearic, 2-ethylhexanoic, needecanoic, oleic, linoleic, and mixtures thereof.

363. The method of claim 358, wherein/the mercapto alkanol ester of a carboxylic acid is at least one chosen from mercapto ethyl stearate, 3-thio-glyceryl myristate, mercapto ethyl palmitate, mercaptoethyl cleate, and mercapto ethyl myristate

364. The method of claim 358, wherein the mercapto alkanol ester of a carboxylic acid is present in the range of 0.01 % wt. to 5 % wt. of the vinyl halide resin.

365. The method of claim 358, wherein the mercapto alkanol ester of a carboxylic acid is present in the range of 0.1 % wt. to 1.0 % wt. of the vinyl halide resin.

365. The method of claim 358, wherein the vinyl halide resin is polyvinyl chloride.

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

By this amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 176-323, and added new claims 324-366. Thus, claims 324-366 are currently pending. Support for this amendment can be found in the original specification and claims, as filed. For example, support for the metal containing stabilizer now represented as formulas I and II, as well as support for the mercaptide ligands now claimed can be found in the specification at pages 14-18. In addition, support for the limitation to the components (a) and (b) being

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